



Dance, dance, dance

Inkster High School dance troupes gave a performance for parents, friends, teachers and other interested parties last week during the annual Spring Recital. The recital gives students an opportunity to show off their moves in a non-competitive environment. Here (first row), students Kristen Auerett, Sha'Tarra Johnson, and Brittany Jones pose after the performance, along with teammates (second row) LaTera Steele, Ja'Mesha Granberry, Sherika Wester, Sasha Wade and Kenyetta Davis.

City officials leary of county parks millage

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

As the election for a new parks millage looms in Wayne County, some Romulus officials are speaking out about the way the county compensates municipalities.

The millage – if approved – would cost county residents about \$20 if they own a \$200,000 home. But the residents, who don't enjoy county parks unless they leave the borders of the city, will likely get little in the way of direct compensation. The election will be county-wide on Aug. 2 in an effort to fund the upkeep of 12 county parks.

Since the millage was enacted in 1996, residents of Romulus have contributed about \$1.4 million, according to city estimates.

"We've been contributing to this for 10 years, and we have nothing to show for it," said Romulus Councilman William Wadsworth. "We don't have a county park here. But some communities are getting at least something back. If we could get the county to give us something – anything – we could put that money back into our own park system."

Wadsworth said he read that the City of Trenton is getting about \$3 million for parks upgrades even though they have contributed only \$1.4 million during the nine years since the millage was enacted.

"Perhaps that is just because we haven't tried hard enough to get our fair share," he said. "But clearly, some cities are getting

more, and that's just not fair to the rest of the people who pay the tax. If this passes – and it likely will – we're going to have to fight a lot harder. But right now, we're getting zero."

Most cities that received funds from Wayne County Parks were given the dollars for capital improvements at the parks. But for communities without county parks, the millage is often seen as an unfair redistribution of wealth they cannot possibly recoup.

"I'm telling people not to vote in favor of this," said Councilman Mike Prybyla. "This is something that the county needs to look into. A lot of other communities around us are getting something back because Hines Park runs through several communities."

The Wayne County Parks System operates on the assumption that all county residents use all parks, and local officials have no control what happens on parkland, or how the money is spent. County Commissioner Ed Boike, who represents Romulus on the nine-member commission, did not return calls seeking comment.

Romulus taxpayers also support a local parks system, which consists of 14 parks. Many of those parks have received major facelifts using grant funds, donations and tax monies – but no county parks money has been tapped, Wadsworth said.

Currently, the county is working on finding a solution that will allow communities without a park to apply for funds to be used in other areas of their communi-

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City gets \$600,000 for clean-up

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The award of a \$600,000 grant to help clean up a contaminated property near Northline and Eureka roads is welcome news to Romulus officials who have long seen the piece of property as an eyesore in the community.

State Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) said last week that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has authorized the funds to install and operate a treatment system to address industrial waste contamination in the soil

and groundwater on the 8-acre parcel of property.

"I want to thank Gov. Granholm and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for designating this funding to help the City of Romulus address this serious contamination problem," said Basham.

The land in question was polluted sometime in the 1920s, but the origins of the contamination are still unclear. The city discovered metal drums filled with industrial waste underground when construction began on the new Department of Public Works yard near the site in the 1990s.

Construction of the yard was delayed because the city had to call the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the DEQ to remove more than 3,500 drums filed with solvents, along with contaminated soil from the site.

Romulus Councilman William Wadsworth said the contaminated site has been a thorn in the side of city officials for a long time.

"What happened there apparently happened when we thought we could just put this stuff in the ground, and then it would be

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School wins prestigious urban award for progress, \$1,500

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Cory Elementary School picked up another award last week when the Middle Cities Education Association (MCEA) named it one of four schools that earned the Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award.

The award is given to urban schools that show continued academic performance over time and evidence of academic support from staff members.

Cory principal Phyllis Adkins said she was overjoyed when she learned about the award. "It took many extra hours to prepare the information that showed our improved grades and MEAP

(Michigan Education Association Program) scores of the last several years, and my staff members did not hesitate to step up to this task."

Overall, MEAP scores have improved steadily at the school because of specialized instruction that is carried out at all schools, said Tom Dolan, the district curriculum director.

The MCEA is a consortium of 33 urban school districts in Michigan. The organization helps provide resources to districts that might not be able to tap into the same assistance as wealthy districts, according to its web site. Officials from several Michigan intermediate school districts chose award winners.

Schools that win the Muth

Award are subjected to a rigorous review of academic programs, extra-curricular activities and test results, according to the MCEA web site.

The Cory win was not the first for Romulus Community Schools. In 2001, Barth Elementary also won the award.

Adkins said staff members Wendy Blohm, Barbara Jasz, Debra Roberts, Paul Grange, Joseph Commander and Kara Pluff worked long hours to compile statistics and other information on behalf of the district.

Cory Elementary School will be honored along with three other schools at the Middle Cities Fall Roundup Program later this year. The school will be given a plaque and a \$1,500 prize.



Principal Phyllis Adkins (far right) joins Cory staff members (first row) Sally Berger, Wendy Blohm, Kara Pluff, Barbara Jasz and (back) Debra Roberts and Paul Grange, each of whom worked on a Middle Cities Education Association application for the Muth Award.

Hometown hero

Sports star speaks to students about importance of school

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Chris Webber thought that if he couldn't play professional basketball, he would follow his mother's footsteps into the world of teaching.

In a way, he did both.

Webber – a 6-foot, 9-inch power forward for the Philadelphia 76ers – stepped into a teacher's role last week at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster, when he spoke to about 75 students from Westwood Community Schools about the importance of reading.

"Reading can take you anywhere you want to go," he said. "If you want to go to California – I like California because it's warm and it's dry – you can read about it and learn everything you need to know before going. It adds so much to your life."

Normally limited to Detroit, Webber decided to open his speaking schedule to suburban Detroit schools this year. When Westwood School Board Trustee Hilliard Hampton III learned about the program expansion, he contacted Webber's managers to bring the basketball star to Inkster.

"I thought this would be a great thing for our students," said Hampton. "We're trying to do more of this as a school district because reading is so important. Someone like Chris, because of his abilities, will have more influence over come children than their parents. We need more people like him to speak to the students."

Webber is a native of Detroit who graduated from Detroit Country Day High School and went on to play for the University of Michigan Basketball Team. He said that when he was 8 or 9 years old, his parents stressed the importance of reading.

"But I didn't always listen," he said. "It didn't really occur to me how much being a good reader helped me excel in school."

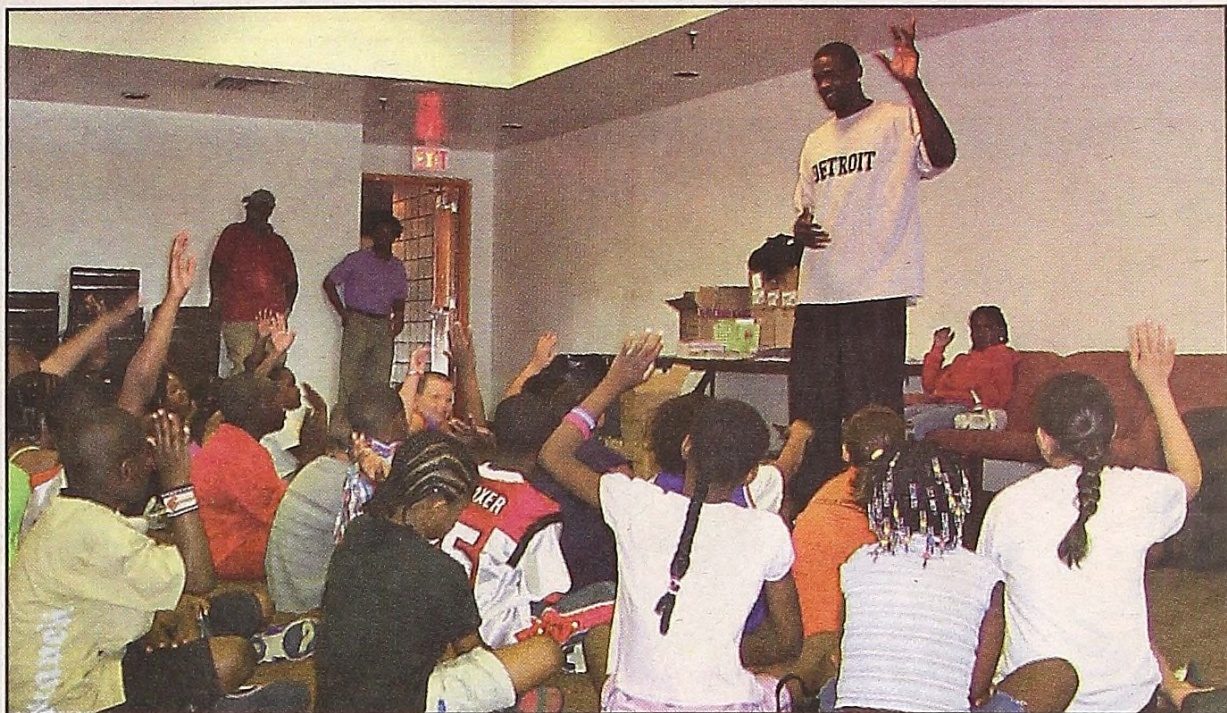
It's a big part of basketball, he said.

"Anyone that thinks they don't have to be a good reader to be great basketball player is mistaken," he said. "Before each game, a written game plan is given to each of us, and we have to read it. More importantly, we have to understand it."

Dr. Ernando Minghini, the superintendent of Westwood

Anyone that thinks they don't have to be a good reader to be great basketball player is mistaken.

Chris Webber



Chris Webber, a native Detroit and power center for the Philadelphia 76ers, spoke about the importance of reading to several Westwood Schools students on Friday.

Schools, said the district has pulled out all the stops to make avid readers of students.

"Reading is the foundation of all learning," he said. "All learning and comprehending of other subjects comes from that ability. Its importance can't be overstated."

Nine-year-old Patience Lucas – who will enter the fourth grade in September – said she doesn't like basketball, but though meeting Webber was "very cool." She also said she read an entire book while driving with her family to Arkansas.

"I like reading a lot," she said. "Right now, I'm reading stuff like

Amelia Bedelia books and Barbie. I like reading because I feel like its educational."

Lucas' aunt, Deadra Goldston, said she was surprised her niece enjoyed the event as much as she did.

"I thought this was very informative and fun for the kids," she said.

Hampton's father – Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton II – was also pleased with the event.

"I had no idea this was going to be so nice," he said. "But it really was." After each presentation, Webber gave each child a book and a toy to take home.

Board Trustee Hampton said it's a personal goal of his to get children reading while they're still young.

"Reading is something that can enrich (students) lives," he said. "This is the sort of thing we want to see continue."

Webber conducts about 30 talks a year during the off-season. He said students are better off if they learn to enjoy reading young.

It is, he said, never too early to get lost in a good story.

"Reading is like a great history lesson that teaches you about who you are, and where you're going," he said.

City changes Downtown Development District boundary

Several proposed boundary changes to the downtown development district in Belleville are now obsolete. City officials voted last week to stop the process.

The amendments to the downtown district—removal of the Columbia Court properties and the Victoria Commons property, including all interior street right-of-ways and Village Park and the Savage Road right-of-way adjacent to it—were dropped because of agreements

made between the city council and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), according to City Manager Steve Walters.

"This was an option because the taxes being levied would revert to the general fund. But in the meantime, a cost-sharing agreement was worked out with the DDA so I think this procedure can be closed," he said.

Last year, Belleville officials scheduled several public hearings and meetings to receive

input on possible revisions to the DDA district. The set of amendments were a possible solution to balance the needs of the general city government funding and the loss of revenue to the DDA, Walters said.

"These were changes brought up at the time when we were negotiating financial arrangements between the council and the DDA," he said.

"Good issues were made throughout the process," said Mayor Pro-tem Kay Atkins.

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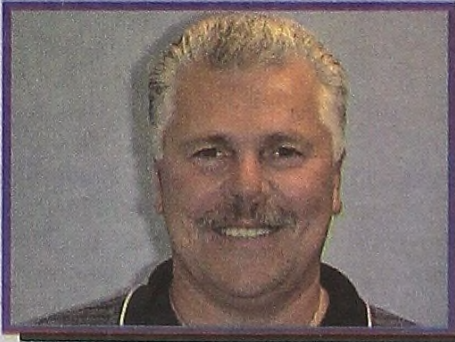
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Challenger boasts county, business skills

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

John Barden is one of a handful of people who has experience in government and business – and he hopes that combination makes him a winner of one of seven Romulus City Council seats that are up for election in November.

“I offer a lot of business experience, and I’m also in government,” he said. “Those two things provided me with valuable lessons about how each should run – and the City of Romulus is a business.”

Barden, an executive assistant for community outreach for Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano and a member of the Wayne County Mental Health Service, has worked for the

county for eight years, and previously worked for Barden Cable for several years. He said his campaign is based on a deep commitment to give back to the city he has called home for the past 29 years.

“The county has given me a wide range of experiences, from small business development, to helping uninsured Wayne County residents get health insurance, to looking at the environmental needs of the county. And, I am a direct link to the county because I work there.”

Romulus, Barden said, is a microcosm of the county, and needs many of the same services to thrive.

“Residents have a lot of needs, and I feel that I am in touch with those needs,” he said. “I would work for the resi-

dents; they would not work for me.”

Chief among his goals would be finding and retaining jobs for Romulus residents.

“There’s no way that we can twist an arm or break an arm,” he said. “But businesses need to understand that there needs to be a priority given to Romulus residents when they come here,” he said. I would find a way to get businesses to understand and commit to that up front. It’s very important that people in our community have the opportunity to work.

Growth management is another priority, Barden said.

“Romulus is a community on the move,” he said.

“We’re in a good position to move forward with development plans, but I want to make

sure we’re not just letting anything come in here to build the tax base. We want intelligent growth.”

Lowering taxes – which many residents consider to be too high – is also tied with growth, Barden said.

“We have to find a way to lower taxes and maintain the same level of services,” he said. “We don’t want a situation where we have to cut services, but these are hard economic times. Romulus has fared better than some neighboring municipalities. But we have to make sure that we don’t get into a bad situation, so we need to make sure the growth and business is the kind that will help us achieve those goals.”

A native of Inkster who grew up in a family of 13, Barden



John Barden

graduated from Western Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Away from work, Barden volunteers in the community at local schools, where he will often cook for fundraisers and other events. He was also recently appointed to the board of Annapolis Hospital.

Councilman touts service, experience

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

William Wadsworth is hoping his long tenure as a city councilman and his record of community activism will help earn him another four-year term on the seven-member body.

Wadsworth, who was elected to the board in 1983, is most visible for his efforts to raise money to replace the aging animal shelter, said he’s proud of his ability to raise \$70,000 to meet that goal. He also said it’s not the most important issue facing the city today.

“There are so many things we are doing well now, but we can do better,” said Wadsworth. “The main thing we need to look at is continuing to deliver high quali-

ty services to residents in a timely way, and I think we’ve made strides in that direction, with the new senior center and the new recreation complex.”

Wadsworth said he was one of the first council members to push for a new senior center, and he counts it among his most important accomplishments.

“I saw the need for a new facility to accommodate our expanding population,” he said. “And it’s even more important now that we’re building so many new homes.”

Airport noise mitigation is also another issue Wadsworth would like to see turn in the city’s favor.

“Each city affected by the noise is given some extra dollars to help homeowners put up

soundproofing and make changes to their homes to help deal with the noise, but I don’t think we’re getting our fair share,” he said. “If you went through the city, you would find that very few people received anything at all.”

The Wayne County Airport Authority is currently conducting a noise mitigation study that will determine the level of noise in the community and how it is affected by flight patterns from the airport.

Jobs are another priority, Wadsworth said.

“Jobs are the backbone of our community,” he said. “And we need to find ways to keep high-paying, good jobs here that compensate our citizens fairly.” Wadsworth added that the level

of development in the city is a good sign that more jobs will come.

Wadsworth, if elected, will serve his first complete term as a retired person. A former Wayne County Sheriff with 38 years of service behind him, he retired in 2003. During his career, he supervised 35 day-shift deputies. He joined the sheriff’s department after a stint in the U.S. Army, where he served in several capacities during the Vietnam War.

Wadsworth holds a bachelor’s degree in police administration from Madonna University.

His experience as a sheriff has helped immensely in his role as a councilman, he said.

“I know what it’s like to manage a budget and make deci-



William Wadsworth

sions on behalf of others,” Wadsworth said.

A resident of Romulus for 38 years, Wadsworth is the longest continuous elected official in the city. He lives with his wife, Jean, and is the father of three children. He spends his spare time with his family, in addition to seeking funds for a new animal shelter.

Belleville residents protest power brownouts

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Columbia Street residents in downtown Belleville want answers from DTE Energy about the frequent power outages happening in their homes.

A letter written by residents states the area experiencing the brownouts runs from the Five Points area east on the north side of East Columbia almost to Martinsville Road. It also includes homes from Liberty to Clarence Street as well as houses on the south side of Huron River Drive. The letter said city council should assist in resolving the problem immediately.

Signed by Rick and Mary Jane Dawson, the letter said: “There are numerous times that we have come home from a trip or the store only to find that all the digital clocks are flashing. This tells us immediately that the power was out. However, there is no way to tell for how long so it leaves us in a quandary as to whether food has been spoiled and whether appliances have suffered any damage each time these brownouts and outages have occurred.

“We also believe that the problems that we have been having are directly related to the fact that all the building going on in Van Buren Township is directly responsible for our current situation. We do not believe the infrastructure was upgraded enough prior to constructing the plethora of new homes and condos that have overtaken the landscape in Van Buren Township.

“The last month or so has been the worst,” said Rick Dawson.

“A couple of years ago we had this problem because of the work going on in the township. I’ve been here for 30 years and everybody was buying generators and I never felt that I needed to until now since it’s gotten worse.”

Mayor Pro-tem Kay Atkins said there is a strain on the system, which could be from building in the township. It will be addressed by the city.

“We didn’t let them (DTE) sit on it last time and we won’t this time,” she said.

The first brownout, which leaves the power voltage level below the minimum level specified for the system, lasted about three to five hours. The second, on June 27, lasted about four hours. On June 30, one happened again for about seven hours before the power went out completely for another three hours, Dawson said.

“What made us mad was when a neighbor called DTE they blamed it on a storm, even though the power outages and brownouts occurred before any storms happened,” he said. “I haven’t heard any more from DTE.”

Scott Simons, spokesperson for DTE, said the outages have nothing to do with building new subdivisions in the area. There were four reported outages, he said, due to a storm and fuses that were blown.

“Before this, customers on this circuit had a good history,” he said. “We will patrol the circuits to look at the lines and see if there were any loose wires that caused it.”

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gone forever,” he said. “It’s a big piece of land that, underground, detecting their existence was impossible until someone started excavating the land for a new project.

“I remember guys coming out in (rubber) suits to remove the barrels,” he said. “I’m just happy that one day it

might be useful again.”

Recent DEQ and EPA studies revealed the levels of solvent remain in the soil and groundwater at levels high enough to be considered dangerous to humans. The \$600,000 in funds will be used to install a soil vapor extraction treatment system, which will operate by continuously removing contaminants until the level is reduced to stringent government standards for health and safety.

Parks

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ties. Until a plan is approved, Mayor Alan Lambert said the city must be more aggressive going forward.

“I think we definitely need to do more going forward,” he said. “To tell you the truth, I’d have a hard time going out there and fighting for this millage, and I’m all for parks. Sure, everybody is allowed to use those parks, but how many of the actually do? I would

have to ask, how do we benefit from this?”

The vast majority of Wayne County parkland is concentrated in Detroit and in the communities that border the massive Hines Park: Livonia, Northville, Westland, Dearborn Heights and Plymouth. According to the department web site, the millage supports 5,000 acres of parks, open spaces, rivers and forests.

The millage was levied after residents voted to tax themselves in 1996. Voters renewed the millage in 2001.

Skate park location draws criticism from citizens

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Location, location, location.

That's the main topic of discussion about the skate park in downtown Belleville.

According to Mayor Pro-tem Kay Atkins, the city council has taken some criticism about the skate park, because of the location behind a city storage lot and industrial and commercial buildings near South Street.

"I've heard people say they don't like the location, but that happened before we even built it. I never wanted it to be planted where it is and the residents in Victoria Commons didn't want it there either, but it was outvoted by council members," she said.

The skate park has been oper-

ating for about three years, thanks to a \$100,000 Wayne County grant, a \$4,000 contribution from the city and money generated by local youths.

The existing location was chosen from three other city property areas—Victory Park, property behind Goofey's car wash and Horizon Park—because of available space and funds, according to

City Manager Steve Walters.

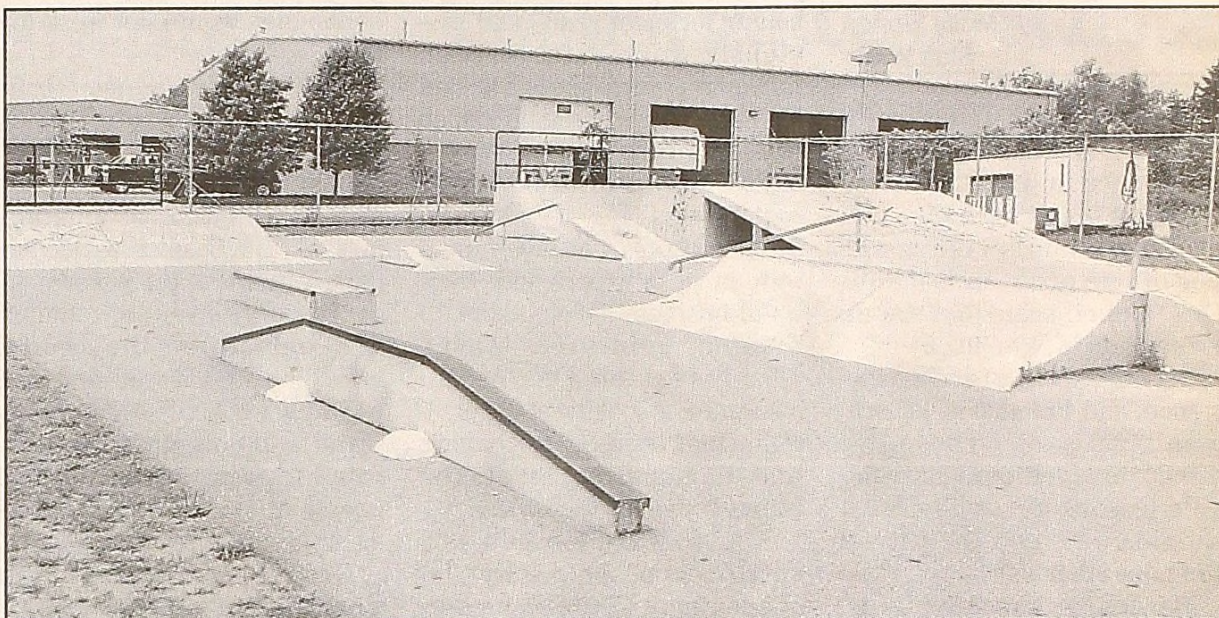
"We didn't have the funding to put it anywhere else," he said.

Vandalism has also become a recent problem at the skate park according to city officials:

"Before we are able to catch them, they are long gone," said Police Chief Gene Taylor. "The park is supposed to be closed at night, but we find that kids will go over the fence."

"I've heard people say they don't like the location, but that happened before we even built it."

**Mayor Pro-tem
Kay Atkins**



The Belleville Skate Park, located behind a city storage lot and industrial and commercial buildings by South Street, may soon see surveillance cameras in the area to monitor vandalism and graffiti.

"It seems that within the past two years vandalism has gotten worse and not just there, but other parks as well," said Keith Boc, director of the department of public services. "There are things that are done definitely on a weekly basis, but there's not much we can do if they come out

at night. I would suggest some lighting put out there."

"We try to monitor the graffiti as much as we can, but kids will be kids," said Atkins.

Now, Atkins said she would like to see security cameras installed at the Skate Park site to take action on the vandalism and

after hours visits.

"I've made the recommendation before. I would like to see some bids taken on cameras and we could plant them on the Department of Public Safety building by the park. There are some changes that need to be made to the skate park," she said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Environmental Director Swallow, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Secretary Cline and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 20, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The "Seventh Annual Camp with a Cop" program is scheduled for August 12th through August 14th at Van Buren Park. It is open to children ages 8-13 years old who are residents of Van Buren Township or the City of Belleville. Space is limited to the first 80 children. For more information contact the Van Buren Public Safety Department at 734.699-8930.

A notice from the Water and Sewer Department stating the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions. Beginning immediately through September addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those with even addresses numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

An email from Director Duha announcing Karen Smith and Joe Vann have both been certified by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as Waterworks System Operators and both now hold S-4 certification.

An email from a resident expressing thanks to Environmental Director Swallow and Senior Director Combs for the assistance they provided.

Walk Michigan will be held every Wednesday until August 10th at Quirk Park and at the Lower Huron Metro Park, walk up to three miles every Wednesday to receive a ticket for a drawing to possibly win a trip to Mackinaw Island over the Labor Day Weekend.

Carl Pederson announced the Southwestern Democratic Club would be hosting a Pig Roast at Van Buren Park on Saturday, August 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. tickets are ten dollars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Ordinance 06-21-05(1) amending Chapter 86, Section 86-524.2(b) and (c), to revise the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Sewer Use Regulations. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Rochowiak, Jahr, Budd, Hart, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 06-21-05 (1) follows the minutes. A copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the proposal from Wade-Trim for the Storm Water Best Management Practices Tracking System project in an amount not to exceed \$129,926 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the July 5, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the May 2005 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Absentee ballots are available and ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office for the Special Election on August 2nd for the Wayne County Parks Millage Renewal. Contact the Clerk's Office at 699.8909 for additional information.

The Board of Trustee Meeting of August 2, 2005 will be cancelled due to the Special Election.

Director Swallow stated the Township is pursuing participation in the State sponsored Emerald Ash Tree Removal Program and township residents will be receiving postcards with information regarding this program. Contact the Environmental Department at 734.699.8913 for more information.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The first of the Sizzling Summer Nights Concert Series at Van Buren Park will begin on Friday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. Also, the 3rd Annual Get Active Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, August 20th from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Quirk Park. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Trustee Hart stated the fireworks were outstanding this year.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents of Old Michigan Avenue voiced concerns regarding retention pond issues, noise levels, hours of operation, landscaping, police issues and dumpster location as they relate to a new development in their neighborhood. Supervisor King stated this development has not come before the Board at this point, however; it is in the planning stages. Director Kelley and Director Champagne both noted the items brought before them tonight. Director Kelley stated residents are welcome to come to the Developmental Services Department to review the plans. In addition, this development has elements that would require it to be brought to a future Board of Trustees Meeting for approval. Trustee Herman, the Board Representative of the Planning Commission stated he has noted the residents concerns and will be sure they are addressed.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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OPINION

'Yes' vote is urged

When voters in Plymouth Township go to the polls on Aug. 2, they'll face a decision that could drastically impact the future of their community.

They'll vote on two proposed millage questions, a renewal of a 1.63 mill police and fire millage and an increase of .5631 mills to provide police and fire services for the next 10 years. Together, they would provide about \$4 million for those services.

Officials in Plymouth Township were most likely shocked to see both issues rejected when they first put them before voters in May. A millage renewal to keep up the police and fire services seemed like such a no-brainer then – and it still does now.

Since then, though, they've gone on a major public information campaign to tell residents exactly what is at stake if the millages aren't improved. It doesn't take a math whiz to determine the types of cuts that would be necessary – most likely against the township budget – to compensate for \$4 million fewer dollars.

During that information campaign, they heard a few odd things about why some residents voted against it, including a disgust over the way the trees for the new township hall and its front commercial development were cleared.

Unfortunately, there's nothing township officials can do about that now. Actually, there wasn't too much they could do about it before, either. They didn't own all of the land, which was vacant and bound to be developed one day, anyway.

The police and fire budgets account for about 66 percent of the total expenditures in the township. Those services are too vital for a community – in terms of safety, quality of life and overall property values – to face such a severe chopping block. Of course there are lower tax advocates that always claim that cuts in government spending can be made, but even with these approvals, the township will still face a belt-tightening mode. There's a difference, though, in going on a diet and going on a starvation diet.

We endorsed both millage requests in May, and we haven't heard anything to change our minds since. Voters should take this second opportunity to keep their community safe and keep up the quality of life that they deserve.

They should approve the millages on Aug. 2.

Hometown 'Field of Dreams'

When students in the Wayne-Westland Community School District return to class at the end of next month, they'll once again see some different sights.

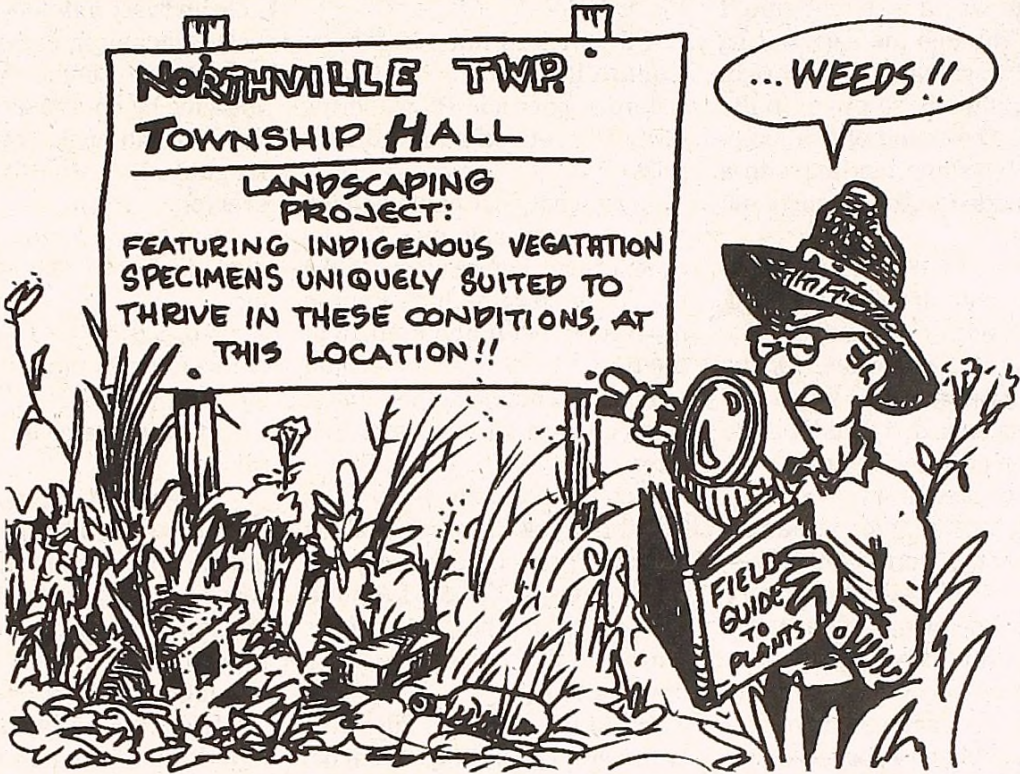
Most notably, those at the high schools will see new athletic facilities – fields and entranceways – that were planned and paid for through an approved millage issue.

Those fields, completed within the last two weeks, are the latest in a long line of improvements within the district that match the educational improvements achieved here.

The surface is a high-tech Astroturf designed to require little maintenance and offer improved safety in the form of reduced injury. That alone should be worth the cost to parents, who often worry from the sidelines or the bleachers about their children engaged in physical play. The fields will last a long time, too.

There's more to it than that, of course. The new athletic fields feed into a sense of rich tradition and history in the school district. They show off the pride that the community feels in their schools, the same pride and concern that drove voters to approve the bond issues to pay for the improvements and the sinking fund millage to continue the work.

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A vote of confidence

It never fails. Every time an elected body chooses its officers, there's always somebody in the background casting implications about secretive government.

It doesn't matter if it's just a local city commission or school board, some people want to hear the discussion about who should be mayor or president or whatever out in the open.

I'm an advocate for open government, of course, but I think this is one instance where those details should be worked out through phone calls or conversations, rather than on the dais, in front of the cameras and everyone – as long as they're not made en masse, or where a quorum of officials is involved. In the grand scheme of things, these are not the most important decisions these bodies will make. No taxpayer expense is involved, it's usually just a decision on who chairs the meetings, who signs off on the resolutions and things like that.

These people have to work together, after all, and that cooperative spirit could be jeopardized if everyone had to listen to why or why not they think someone is qualified to swing the gavel.

Monday night, when the Wayne-Westland Community Schools board got together for their organizational meeting, it went pretty much as everyone had expected it to. Fred Weaver was chosen as board president, again, Cindy Schofield as vice-president, again, Martha Pitsenbarger was voted as board secretary, again, and Terrance McClain voted in as treasurer, taking over for Skip Monit.

In each case, there was only one name put out for consideration, and all votes were unanimous,

cheerful even.

Cool.

This was probably all decided ahead of time, but that doesn't make it a bad process or mean the decisions were poor.

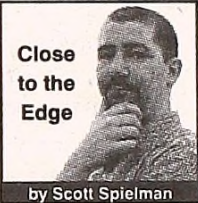
It's hard to argue about the good job Weaver has done leading the board in the past year. The Project 180 that he put together, which sought to bring students, parents and school officials together to help stabilize families, keep at-risk students in school – and in the same school – and give them a hand in their personal lives, too, was met with much success.

My first impression of Pitsenbarger was that she was ideally suited for her role as secretary, and it hasn't faded through the years. I've never seen anyone meet so many generally routine nuts and bolts administrative decisions with such cheer. I still smile every time she says, with a slight nod of her head... “and I vote yes, Mr. President,” at the end of every affirmative role call vote.

McClain is a rising star, too. He's been very active in the board, the community and in pursuing his education about the role of the school board and how best to meet those needs.

With two preachers – McClain and Weaver – serving on it, the Wayne-Westland School Board is pretty unique. It's also a good group of people that work well together, which is important given the issues facing school districts today.

Keep up the good work, I say, or as Pitsenbarger would probably put it: “and I vote yes, Mr. President.”



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Pay now or pay later politics

In the wake of a sluggish economy, everybody seems to be feeling the pinch lately—and responding with a full-scale attack on my bank account.

In the mail every day, without fail, there are several heart-wrenching pleas for donations from organizations ranging from the American Cancer Society and the Detroit Institute of Arts to the Sierra Club and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. For a donation of \$25, you can save a dog from a puppy mill, help cure cancer, or save a child from poverty.

Most groups are well organized and deserving, but it's just not possible to give them all money—residents have to decide for themselves where their money would be best spent. The same situation exists as state and local governments turn to residents for increased revenue to make their programs run smoothly and to avoid further cuts.

The Wayne County Parks System, for instance, is on a quest to have a millage benefiting parks funding approved by voters next month—even though the amount of benefit communities receive from

the millage varies greatly from city to city. Without those funds, Wayne County claims that something will need to give because not all of the regular park improvements will be possible.

Even a simple visit to the movie theater has become controversial. Since Gov. Granholm suggested the possibility of raising additional funds for the cash-strapped state by taxing 'extras' like the films shown in movie theaters, several theaters—and their patrons—have been very vocal opponents of the plan, which would tax the films and presumably result in a price increase.

You don't need to leave home without receiving bids for your attention from the government, though. As the State of Michigan tightens its belt financially, the funding constraints have trickled down throughout the state. Local governments have responded by cutting back where they can to bal-



Looking around

by Meghan Chatham

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OPINION

Peaceful walk brings memories of old friend

The cry of geese settling on the lake was a welcome one. I walked through the early spring gardens and smiled at the bright yellow daffodils, so proud in the twilight. The sound of fish jumping for bugs and landing with a splash added to the magic of the moment.

It is a place where people come to walk in solitude, or talk quietly. Some even come to cry.

As I rounded the lake, a young woman approached. When she was close enough, I could see she had been crying. She seemed so alone. I wanted to say, "You had a bad day, too," but, for some reason did not. I worried about her, and wished I'd said something, knowing one always feels better when sharing life with another.

The forest showed signs of the winter's ice damage on trees, a couple had been knocked down. Silent sentries standing tall had come to the end of their life.

Coming out of the woods, an elderly man stopped me and said, "You're, you're—"

"Jerry Stanecki, I said helping his struggle."

I'd met him once before at Connie Bouchard's home at a Saturday beer and BS gathering of mostly retired auto industry folks.

My memory of Connie flooded back. A remarkable man I'd met Connie years before when I did a television story on him. Connie must have been about 70-75 at the time. Connie was always full of positive energy and an almost insatiable lust for life. He retired after a lifetime in the auto industry and the first thing he did was build a workshop behind his house. There, he created tools, made parts, and fooled around with everything he could get his hands on. He loved inventing, creating, fixing.

Quite often, in his 80s, he'd cruise around Birmingham in his vintage Rolls Royce, smiling and waving everyone who stopped to look. And, look they did, for in the back seat of the Rolls sat had a fully dressed female man-

nequin compete with hat, mink stole and very mischievous smile.

On occasion, safari helmet strapped on, Connie would come whizzing by on a motorized rickshaw. Head back, howling with laughter, he's shout "Hello" to everyone.

"You know Connie Bouchard died, don't you? The man said to me.

"No. I didn't," I answered. "Jeez, Connie must have been 90."

"I think he was 93," the man said.

"He was a lucky man," I said. "When he was 15, Connie built a model of the famous Fisher coach and won a scholarship that brought him into an industry he loved for 40 years. He had a terrific life. How'd it happen?"

"His wife came home and found him sitting on the living room floor," the man said. "with a big smile on his face."

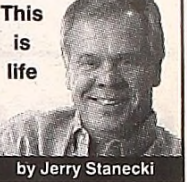
"Yup, that sounds like the kind of exit he'd make."

God love you Connie, cause

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There's a subtle sense of marketing at work, too, at a time when school districts have to remain competitive to keep students in their boundaries and keep families happy in their neighborhoods.

School officials have done an admirable job at that. They've improved their curriculum, increased tests scores, involved more parents and sold their successes to the community. And they've managed to accomplish that while spending less money than many other districts in the county and dealing with more diversity issues.

It looks like next year will be another good one for the district and the students, as well.

Politics

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ance their budgets despite an increase in expenses and static or decreasing funding.

Sometimes, though, that's not enough—which is where the voters come in. A dedicated millage to support part of the budget can be the only hope for creating the revenue they need to offer the caliber of services they desire. Sometimes it works, such as bonds approved by voters in the Northville school district to fund capital improvement projects.

Not always, though. For instance, earlier this year voters in Plymouth were asked to vote in favor of a millage to help fund

emergency services—they didn't. Instead, they sent officials a clear message—marked 'insufficient funds'—as the proposal was shot down: find your money elsewhere and leave us out of it.

The list could go on, but the message is simple: when the coffers are empty, it is your job as a citizen to bite the bullet and fill them back up. Maybe, though, it's time that residents talk back and demand real changes—particularly at the state level—to the way funds are budgeted before they agree write the check.

Otherwise, look forward to a future filled with cries for help from public officials every time the economy slows down—and unlike requests from charities, ignoring these pleas could end up costing you money.

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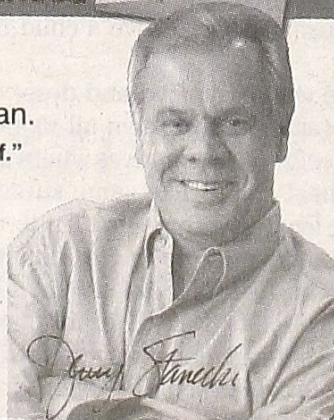
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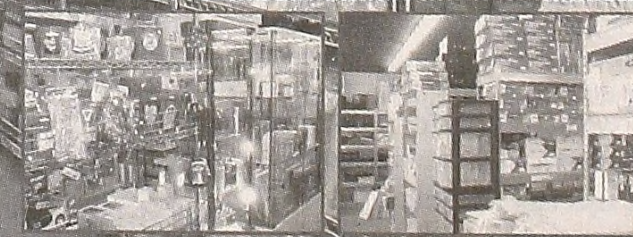
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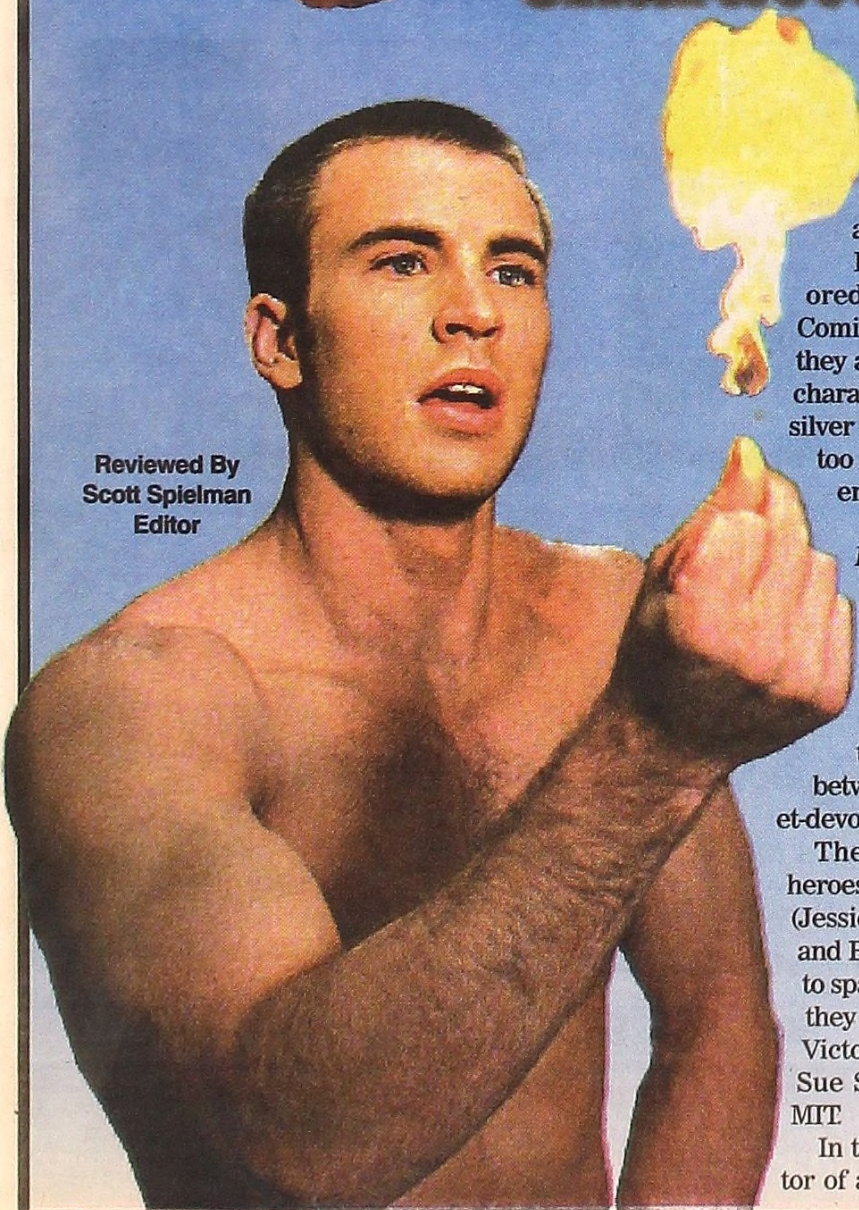
Not quite

FANTASTIC FOUR



Characters can't rise above material

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor



There's a rhythm in Hollywood concerning movies made from comic books: good, bad, good bad.

The recently released *Batman Begins* was good. *The Fantastic Four*, which hit theaters this weekend, wasn't.

It's strange how so many of these time-honored concepts flop when they hit the screen. Comic books are essentially written like movies; they are visual mediums that ostensibly deal with characters and scripts. Perhaps the fallacy for the silver screen versions is that movie makers spend too much time and money on the effects and not enough on the details.

Anyway, those familiar with the *Fantastic Four* will know the basic background of the movie, sort of. In the comic book version, it's a quartet of astronauts who get bombarded by cosmic rays and develop special powers. It's a freak accident that changes their lives; how the characters deal with those changes sustained readers' interest in between fights with iron-clad supervillains, planet-devouring aliens or near-sighted mole men.

The movie version takes the same batch of heroes: Reed Richards (Ioan Gruffudd), Sue Storm (Jessica Alba), her brother, Johnny (Chris Evans) and Ben Grimm (Michael Chiklis) and sends them to space to learn about these cosmic rays and how they relate to human DNA. Along for the ride is Victor Von Doom (Julian McMahon), who stole Sue Storm from Richards during their days at MIT.

In the comic books, Victor Von Doom is a dictator of a country called Latveria. Known as Doctor

Doom, he's one of the most menacing villains in the Marvel universe. You wouldn't know that from the film, because the script makes him a corporate figurehead and McMahon is about as menacing as a blown fuse.

The effects are cool when the cosmic storm hits, but almost everything else afterward falls short.

Richards soon discovers that he can stretch his body to unimaginable lengths; Sue Storm can turn invisible and manifest force fields. Johnny, always a quick-tempered, flashy guy, can turn completely into flame, fly and shoot fireballs. Grimm has the most severe transformation, though, into a 700-pound being made entirely of rock and known simply as The Thing.

He's the only one who doesn't take the transformation in stride. The script doesn't allow for any characterization during this, only an explanation. Richards decides to try to reverse the effects of the storm and return them all back to normal.

"Am I the only one who thinks this is cool?" Johnny asks.

Probably.

There are some good bits in the movie, besides the effects. The interaction between Johnny Storm and Grimm comes across well, as do the pranks they play on each other. Chiklis was the biggest surprise, actually. His portrayal of Grimm before the accident and as The Thing, trying to come to terms with his new body, were better than I expected.

They were less than half of the main cast, though, and in a movie where the plot is completely forgettable and filled with holes, that's not nearly enough.

If a sequel is planned for the film, those who write and direct the next installment would be better off trying to tell us who these people are, not merely showing what they can do.

THE SCENE



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Audiences can drown in this DARK WATER

If there was one thing learned this weekend by heading to the theater it is that treading *Dark Water* is painful and time consuming.

While the masses flocked to the multiplexes to see something 'Fantastic' I spent 105 minutes in a nearly empty theater trying to wade my way through one of the slowest, unfulfilling and unsatisfying psychological "thrillers" to ever hit the screen. It's an hour and 45 minutes that I'll never get back.

Dark Water is billed as a cross between a psychological and supernatural thriller, but what the trailers don't tell you is that it's more of a real-estate nightmare revolving around the overpriced rental market in New York than anything else.

For \$900 a month you can get a one-bedroom, one-bath apartment with an eat-in kitchen in a dilapidated building that comes with a kidnapping elevator,

spooky stairwells, leaky pipes, noisy upstairs neighbors and ghostly visits.

At least that's what *Dark Water's* main character Dahlia Williams pays for her and her 5-year-old daughter, Cecilia, to live on Roosevelt Island, a sliver of land just a tram-ride away from Manhattan, and all of the above amenities.

Dahlia, played by the versatile and capable Jennifer Connelly, is newly separated from husband Kyle (Dougray Scott) and is starting a new life centered on raising her daughter, played by an adorable Ariel Gade. The separation slowly dissolves into a difficult custody battle, adding extra strain to Dahlia's already stressful life.

Scott plays the husband - who uses every possible chance to call his wife crazy - a little over the top, but the rest of the cast is

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quite stellar. John C. Reilly plays Mr. Murray, a smarmy retail manager, perfectly; Pete Postlethwaite is the creepy and moody building handyman, Veeck; and Tim Roth steals every scene that he's in as Dahlia's sharp divorce attorney, Jeff Platzer.

Direction comes from the talented Walter Salles, known for his critically acclaimed *Motorcycle Diaries* (2004) and 2003's *City of God*. This time Salles escapes his normal human-interest story for an adaptation of a Hideo Nakata film based off of a short novel by Koji Suzuki—both of the Japanese horror Ringu (*Ring*) fame. Rafael Yglesia's screenplay and Salles' direction moves the story along too slowly and provides little tension.

The actors do wonders with what they were given, though. They show that despite the genre, acting was still a priority.

With Manhattan too expensive Dahlia and Ceci take the tram to Roosevelt Island in search of their new life.

Once on the island, they meet up with Mr. Murray who gives them tour of one of the creepiest buildings on the island. Somehow, after seeing the worn-down apartment, getting trapped in the elevator and losing her daughter—later found on the roof of the building—Dahlia, with

an approval from Ceci, takes the overpriced grungy apartment.

From there the place takes on a life of its own as a mysterious stain spreads across the ceiling in her bedroom. People can be heard upstairs in an apartment that's supposed to be vacant—the same apartment that the leak is coming from. The handyman Veeck assumes two delinquent teenage tenants cause the noise and the leak. As things get stranger Dahlia also has to deal with Ceci's new imaginary friend, Natasha.

The script also spends a little too much time on Dahlia's abandoned past with weak flashbacks that don't do much more than make the movie longer than it should be.

As the stain on the ceiling spreads and leaks dark water—much like the faucets, the toilet, the bathtub and the washing machine—Dahlia becomes more paranoid with every drip, wondering who is behind the torment. At first she thinks that it is Kyle trying to prove that his claims are true—she is crazy.

But as she pieces the puzzle together she realizes that it is much more.

In the end, which is appalling, disappointing and completely unsatisfactory and unnecessary, Dahlia will do ANYTHING to see to the safety of her daughter.

If you decide to see *Dark Water* this summer it's best to pack your Sponge Bob Squarepants arm floaties, because it will take a lot to keep your head above this body of water.



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THE SCENE

All that jazz

Financial advisor has second career as musician, producer

John Counts
Staff Writer

By day, Canton Township resident Tony Ruda is a mild-mannered financial advisor working out of the downtown Plymouth offices of Ferris, Baker and Watts. Come nighttime, though, Ruda is jazzing up local crowds with the plinking of ivories at Station 885.

The upscale Plymouth restaurant features Ruda playing his favorite music for patrons each Thursday night—jazz.

Playing hasn't been enough for Ruda, though. For the past two years, he has produced the Jazz Piano Summit. The show is once again coming to the Kerrytown Concert Hall in Ann Arbor, starting at 8 p.m. July 16 and 17.

Ruda was raised on Detroit's east side, where he started playing the piano when he was 9 years old. His family was musical: his father was a singer and his mother played piano. Ruda said all of his brothers and sisters play an instrument or sing, too.

While in high school, Ruda began playing Top 40 dance tunes at weddings and proms. He said his skill helped put him through college, the University

of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After graduation, Ruda got started in the brokerage business, where's worked as a financial advisor for different firms ever since. Now, when he's done moving money for the day, he's ready to start moving the piano keys.

"In some ways it is a double life," Ruda said. "I've learned to dovetail the two, though."

Ruda said many of his clients come from the music world. He also said he's discovered many of his clients are music lovers themselves.

His passion for jazz began when he was in his mid-20s and he frequented the now-closed Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor.

"I just took to it really quickly," he said. "This was the type of music I wanted to be playing."

Ruda, who has lived with his family in Canton since 1985, now gigs about six times a month. He plays every Thursday at Station 885 and has even done a show at the Village Theater in Canton. Three years ago, he modestly segued into producing the Jazz Piano Summit.

"I'm not some huge producer," he said. "I do these things on a shoestring."

From playing around in vari-



Tony Ruda, (center, keyboards) jazzes up the new Village Theater in Canton Township with his quartet. The Canton resident is the producer of the Third Annual Piano Jazz Summit coming to Ann Arbor this weekend.

ous clubs, he already knew a lot of the performers. He said his intention was to get people who usually don't go to see live music at clubs because of the atmosphere or because the performances go too late to come and see live jazz.

"This area is so rich with jazz

talent. I know a lot of these performers aren't recognized the way they should be. I wanted to take some of the local professional talent and give them some exposure," he said.

Jazz is a singular among music in this country, Ruda said, and it is best listened to live.

"It will soon die out if people aren't careful," he said. "I can't think of one solely, uniquely American musical form as jazz."

Buddy Budson and Ellen Rowe are slated to perform on Friday at the Kerrytown Concert Hall located at 415 N. Fourth Ave. in Ann Arbor.

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Historic pumphouse could become new area park

Andrea Kling
Staff Writer

A historic pumphouse located at 100 North Liberty St. in downtown Belleville could soon become a new park site. Plans to revamp the property include adding an observation deck, bike trail access and a sitting area. It would be defined as a “pocket park” to be kept as original as possible for a historic destination off Belleville Lake. “I would hate to see this go. There is too much lakefront area that has already gone,” said City Councilman William

Creamean. “This is a way to maintain a nice piece of Belleville history that in the past we have sometimes destroyed.” “I would love to have the residents in the community who don’t live on the lake be able to enjoy this,” said Mayor Pro-tem Kay Atkins. The pumphouse, which has not been in use for several years now, would not be open for interior visits by the public, nor have lake access from the rear due to safety and vandalism concerns. According to Creamean and Atkins, the building needs repairs to the flooded basement, broken windows, doors and

removal of overgrown vegetation. Residents and other city property owners are also interested in taking over the historic pumphouse property. Ronald Hagen, owner of the apartment complex on Liberty Street has addressed city council about purchasing the adjacent property for upgrading, modernizing and expansion. Hagen said he intends to add additional landscaping that would complement the existing project, clean up

debris and make the site a safe haven for boats. “Even if we don’t decide to do this, it would have to go through bids so that anyone wishing to purchase the property would be able to,” said Council member Kerreen Conley. “That way we wouldn’t just be giving it away.” City Manager Steve Walters said the best thing to do is dedicate the propriety as a park.



Stephen Adams, who works for the city, has already begun the work to clean out the historic pumphouse located at 100 North Liberty Street in Belleville. Members of the city council hope to turn the historical site into a new park site.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 19th, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

- Property assessments can only be changed for :
1. Homestead exemption status.
 2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 19, 2005.

Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: July 7, 2005
July 14, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for General Motors Corporation, Romulus Engine Plant, 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

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This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than July 25, 2005 at 12 o’clock noon to the attention of:

City of Romulus
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174-1485

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
City Clerk

Publish: July 14, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 06-21-05(1)

Second Reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 86-524.2 (b) AND (c) TO REVISE THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY SEWER USE REGULATIONS THAT PROHIBIT CONCENTRATIONS OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE 24-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Section 86-524.2 (b) is amended to read as follows:

No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample is at or above the following surcharge threshold, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the director and on payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants:

COMPATIBLES

Surcharge Threshold	Upper Limits	
300 mg/l	756 mg/l	5-day BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)
350 mg/l	2366 mg/l	Total SS (Suspended Solids)
600 mg/l	1530 mg/l	COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)
13 mg/l	63 mg/l	Total Phosphorus
25 mg/l	452 mg/l	Ammonia-Nitrogen

Section 2: Section 86-524.2 (c) is amended to read as follows:

No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample shall exceed the following limits with respect to the following inorganic or organic pollutants or phenolic compounds:

INORGANICS

1.0 mg/l	Arsenic
0.0017 mg/l	Beryllium
0.100 mg/l	Cadmium
4.0 mg/l	Chromium (Total)
3.0 mg/l	Copper
1.0 mg/l	Cyanides
0.3 mg/l	Lead
Nondetectable	Mercury
3.0 mg/l	Nickel
0.12 mg/l	Silver
3.0 mg/l	Zinc

ORGANICS

1.1 mg/l	Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate
0.55 mg/l	Total Phenols
Nondetectable	Polychlorinated biphenyls (Nondetectable per U.S. EPA method 608. Any detectible sample exceeds this limit.)

Section 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, county of Wayne, state of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 5th day of July, 2005.

YEAS: Payne, Rochowiak, Jahr, Budd, Hart, Herman and King.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: July 14, 2005

SPORTS

Boll, Otcenas, Lawson join Plymouth Whalers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's been a busy summer for the Plymouth Whalers, who've signed, traded and drafted players all last week.

Most recently, they signed 19-year-old center Jared Boll, who was acquired from the Kingston Frontenacs for a fifth-round draft choice in 2006.

Boll was drafted by Kingston in the sixth round (101st overall) in the 2002 OHL draft, but played the last two seasons with the Lincoln Stars in the United States Hockey League.

"We're excited about having Jared on board," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth Whalers' president, general manager and head coach. "We think he'll bring scoring, grit and toughness to the rink."

As a captain of the team, he scored 23 goals and 24 assists for 47 points and a league-leading 294 penalty minutes in 59 games. He made the all-star team last year. He scored eight goals with six assists for 14 points and 176 penalty minutes in 57 games the previous season.

Boll is currently ranked 212th by the National Hockey

League Central Scouting Bureau among North American Skaters.

"I've heard nothing but good things about the Whalers," Boll said. "I'm excited to get started and become part of things, especially since Plymouth acquired my rights. I had a few options, but the OHL seems to suit my game."

With Boll on board, the Whalers' "Chicago Connection" gets a little stronger.

Boll, who hails from Crystal Lake, IL, will join other Chi-town natives Gino Pisellini and Mike Letizia—both current members of the Whalers—as well as 2005 draftees Kyle Jendra of the Chicago Chill and Vincent Loverde from the Chicago Young Americans.

Boll and Pisellini were teammates in 2002 with Team Illinois midgets.

Boll has certainly racked up the penalty minutes (470) in the last two years to understand the physical side of the game, which is something the Whalers are in need of.

"Penalty minutes are a part of the game," Boll said. "I have no problem getting in your face. I have to play physical to be effective."

The Whalers also chose 18-year-old Slovakian center Ondrej Otcenas as their first selection (25th overall) in the 2005 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft last week.

Credit was given to Plymouth's European scout Willy Langer for the Slovakian find.

"We received excellent reports about Otcenas through Willy," Wellucci said. "Otcenas is coming off a good year overseas and has a chance to make an impact in Plymouth. We look forward to seeing him in training camp."

Otcenas, measuring in at 6-foot-1 and 198 pounds, scored 11 goals with 22 assists for 33 points with 66 penalty minutes in 45 games last year with the HK Dukla Trencin Under-20 team in Slovakia.

He also played well in the team's post season, scoring four goals and three assists in eight games. He played for Slovakia in the World Under-18 Championships this spring and scored four goals with an assist in six games.

And finally, the Whalers made another move last week in acquiring defenseman Kyle Lawson from the Saginaw

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Kevin Welgosh, 23, of Canton is at bat for the Plymouth/Canton Stars at last year's Summer Sports Classic. Photo courtesy of Special Olympics Michigan.

Special Olympics softball comes to Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Olympics will be in full swing again when the Special Olympics Michigan 2005 Summer Sports Classic comes to Canton Township and Ypsilanti this weekend.

The event provides an opportunity for athletes to be recognized for their hard work and practice in the areas of softball and golf. More than 1,000 Special Olympians and 400 volunteers will participate in the two days of activities.

This is the 17th year that the event has come to Canton where the Canton Softball Complex will host a variety of activities. On Friday, starting at 12:30 p.m. and running to 2 p.m. the complex will host the Home Run Derby. At 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. there will be Softball Team Competitions. At 4 p.m. there will be a Softball Skills Competition.

And finally at 7 p.m. there will be the opening ceremonies.

Softball Team Competition starts again at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

"The Canton Softball Complex

is an excellent venue to hold our Summer Sports Classic," said Tournament Director Terry Jobbitt. "They have 12 softball diamonds, making it easy for us to run many softball games at one time. They also donate the diamonds to us, which is a huge help to our program. Canton Township is overwhelmingly in favor of Special Olympics."

Ypsilanti's Pine View Golf Course will host the golfing events starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday with unified golf/skills contests followed by the regular golf competition at 11:30 a.m.

DePorres icon comes to Inkster

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster school officials want to move beyond past controversy with their sports programs. That's why they hired Gregory Carter as the district Athletic Director and Dean of Discipline for Inkster High School. He will also serve as the head varsity football coach.

"Given his background and stature his commitment to the kids and ability, we thought that

he would be a tremendous fit and add credibility to the program at Inkster," said Herb Williams, vice president of operations for Inkster-Edison Schools. "We felt it was the right thing to do at this time."

The Administration at Inkster-Edison Schools narrowed the pack of candidates down to five and then three before deciding on Carter.

Williams said it was Carter's ability and stability and genuine interest in the kids and having

kids produce and do what is needed to succeed.

"He's interested in making the kids successful," he added. "He won't be just a football coach, he will be the athletic director, too. That shows that his interest is not only in football but all of the programs."

Carter has plenty of experience in football and as an athletic director.

Previously, Carter spent 27

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Undue Influence Part III: Mann tries to clear name

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the controversial Joe Brown incident was the smoking barrel that led to the divisive resignation of Inkster High School's athletic director and varsity girls' basketball coach, Dave Mann, there have been other incidences also shrouded in controversy during his career.

It all started with a phone call to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) by an unidentified woman on October 6, 2003. The phone call consisted of several allegations against Mann and Inkster High School, including promised transportation and recruitment of her daughter.

The information in the call was written in a memo from MHSAA assistant director Nate Hampton to MHSAA executive director John "Jack" Roberts dated October 7, 2003.

The caller, according to the memo, said that her daughter, who also remained nameless, was supposedly a sophomore on the varsity basketball team and was recruited during summer AAU play as an eight-grader in 2002 by assistant coach Mr. Lindsey.

But Lindsey didn't start assisting at Inkster until mid September, according to Mann.

The caller also said her daughter, who lived with her on the east side of Detroit, enrolled as a ninth grader the previous year with promises of transportation to and from school, but a check through school records showed no player lived on the east side of Detroit. A letter from Roberts to Howard Morris, the state-appointed emergency financial manager of Inkster-Edison Schools, dated January 14, 2004 also confirms this finding.

The letter said: "We find that many members of the Inkster High School girls basketball teams reside outside Inkster, especially

in the City of Detroit, but from the west side of the city."

There was only one 10th grader on the team in 2003 and she resided in Inkster.

The memo also stated that players participated in fundraisers and bought personal things with the proceeds. Mann said that the team had never put on any fundraisers before or at the time the call was made to the MHSAA.

The caller also pointed out another incident: that an angry player used gasoline to set Mann's car on fire because she was angry after not getting a ride home, as allegedly promised.

On Feb. 17, 2003 Lalah Qawee allegedly set fire to the interior of Mann's car, but gasoline was not used. Evelyn Heath, a witness to the fire, said Qawee set the fire because Mann had written her up twice that day and had refused to give her a ride home the previous week, telling her to take the bus, according to the actual police report.

Because the allegations were made by the caller, the MHSAA requested the Inkster Schools administration to investigate the matter, providing rosters of all teams in grades 9-12—including names, home addresses, names of parents or guardians and phone numbers. The MHSAA also requested identification of any transfer students in grades 9-12, along with any reports concerning the player who allegedly set fire to Mann's car and any dates of fundraising events. The MHSAA wanted all the information within five business days.

It took almost a month, but Inkster High School principal Jennifer Spencer sent all the information—except the personal information in which she was waiting for parental/guardian permission. She even included the police report, which the state felt: "sub-

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SPORTS

Chrysler Jeep help keep Gold Cup tradition alive

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Raging rooster tails will cut through the Detroit skyline this weekend as some of the most powerful unlimited hydroplanes on the water compete for the 2005 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup—the oldest trophy in motor sports.

On July 15-17 the Detroit International Speedway will be lined with boats equipped with 3,000 horsepower engines that will allow them to fly across the waterscape at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour.

It's no wonder why the event is nicknamed "The Thriller on the River," with breakneck speeds, sharp turns and the unpredictable water conditions of the Detroit River.

This year's affair will be put on by the same team as the previous two years—the Chrysler Jeep Super stores, with participation from DaimlerChrysler AG, and the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA).

It just so happens to be the same team that saved the Gold Cup, which is headed into its second century of competition, from going into extinction two years ago.

The DRRA was founded in 2003 with the

mission to preserve the Gold Cup tradition. Along with the DRRA, the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association—a long-time sponsor of the event led by President Jim Schebil, president and owner of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth—and DaimlerChrysler AG stepped in to successfully save the race and continue the tradition.

"2005 calls for a new beginning for Gold Cup racing since it's the start of the next 100 years of competition," Schebil said. "The first century was capped by an exciting finish last year which proved that Detroit always draws the best field with the fastest boats in the world."

The Gold Cup competition started in 1904 and came to Detroit for the first time in 1916.

Throughout the years Detroit would host the event the most times. And in 1992, Detroit was named the permanent home of the Gold Cup.

"We're excited about the next 100 years of speed, power and tradition in Detroit powerboat racing," said Bill Rands, president of DRRA. "The Detroit River is the epicenter of powerboat racing it's the grandest stage for the fierce competitors vying for the oldest trophy in motor sports."



"Miss Chrysler Jeep" will make a run at the 2005 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup July 15-17 at the Detroit International Water Speedway on the Detroit River near Belle Isle. Photo by Jon Osterberg, Cooper Motor Sports

One of those fierce competitors will be Jimmy King of Wales Michigan who will be in the driver seat of the only piston-powered U-3 boat on the circuit, "Miss Chrysler Jeep."

"This boat represents the raw power and determination that made Detroit the 'Motor City,'" Schebil said.

"This Hydroplane is reminiscent of the muscle cars Detroit made famous worldwide. It's a roaring speed machine. The race fans will know when this monster is running."

The event blasts off tomorrow with qualifying and testing followed by two days of racing with the finale set for Sunday afternoon.

Football

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years employed at Detroit St. Martin DePorres High School, which was one of the eight Catholic schools closed by the Archdiocese of Detroit this spring. He spent the past eight years as

the Dean of Students and Athletic Director there, the last 10 years as the head varsity football coach. He was an assistant football coach for 17 years before that.

Carter was an integral part of the DePorres football program that won 12 state championships during his tenure. He won four state crowns as the head coach

along with one runner-up title and two semi-final appearances.

Carter, who is a member of the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame, has received numerous honors, including Catholic League Coach of the Year, Catholic League Ed Lauer Person of the Year Award, Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week and Michigan High

School Football Regional Coach of the Year.

He will have his work cut out for him with an Inkster football team that has won only one game in the last two years.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Carter said. "The football team hasn't done too well but there are a lot of opportunities here."

"The kids are excited about us coming because of our past success and we're hoping to bring some of that with us," he added.

"We're excited," he said. "We think we can get something going; we just don't know how long it will take."

"We're moving forward," he added. "The past is the past and we have to start learning to win."

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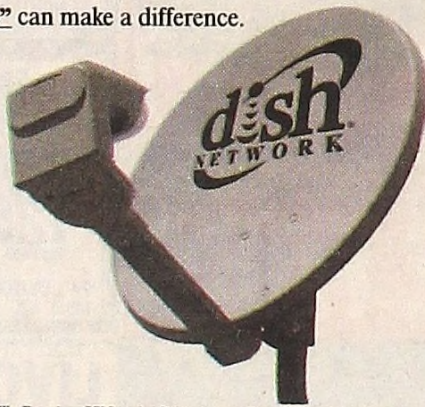
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SPORTS

Wolves win Great Black Swamp Classic in Ohio

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The WaCo Wolves 10-under baseball crew had plenty to celebrate during the July 4th weekend when they traveled to Bowling Green, OH and won the three-day Great Black Swamp Classic.

The final day of competition pitted the 53-8 Wolves against the Bowling Green Junior Bobcats for the second time over the course of the weekend. The Wolves recorded three runs in the fourth and one more in the fifth to wrap up the game, 4-2.

Jake Keeley (Allen Park) led off the three-run fourth with a single to center and then stole second and third base, according to Wolves Coach Art Cameron. Cody Cowart (Dearborn) then hit a sac-

rifice fly to score Keeley. Jamarl Eiland (Romulus) hit a two-out single followed by a single by Brad Connochie (Woodhaven) to score the second run. Connochie crossed the dish for the third run off a single by Brady Hardin (Livonia).

Daniel Cameron came in to pinch hit in the fourth and delivered a two-out single off the centerfield fence to score Dimitrius Bryant (Detroit), according to Art Cameron.

Hardin started the Wolves off on the mound. There he pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up only one run on six hits and two walks. Joey Roman (Canton) closed out the game and only allowed one run on two hits with no walks.

After the victory, the Wolves had about a half an hour to

change sides of the field and eat before taking on the undefeated Otsego, Ohio Knights in the championship game.

It didn't matter though as the Wolves scored in every inning except the second on their way to a 12-3, five-inning mercy rule victory.

Daniel Cameron was the first to knock in a run off of a single.

Eiland and Daniel Cameron scored off of a Bryant single, for a 3-0 lead.

After the silent second inning the Wolves got things going again when Keeley made it to base on a single and later scored on an error. And one out later Cowart, Daniel Cameron and Bryant hit consecutive singles to score three more runs, taking a 7-3 advantage. They upped the lead to 10-3 in the

fourth. Bryant put the game away for good in the fifth when he nailed his second two-run single for the 12-3 mercy.

Then Eiland started on the hill and pitched 3 1/3 innings, allowing three runs, two hits and four walks. Roman came in for relief and pitched the remaining two-thirds of the Eiland inning and didn't allow a run while Bryant pitched a scoreless fifth to capture the victory.

Earlier in the tournament the Wolves went looking for a bit of redemption. They faced off against the Ohio Diamond Hawks, one of the four non-Cooperstown teams to beat the Wolves this season.

The Wolves snuck out a 5-4 victory.

The Hawks lit up the scoreboard first with a run in the first followed by two more in the second for a 3-0 lead. The Wolves rebounded with three runs in the third for a tied game and took the lead for the first time when they pushed a run across the plate for a 4-3 advantage. The Hawks didn't lie down as they pushed in a run in the fourth to tie the game at 4. But the Wolves stole run in the fifth for the win.

Jared Terrill started on the mound for the Wolves and went the entire way, giving up the four runs on five hits and three walks.

For winning the tournament the Wolves received a bid to the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) World Series in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Detroit Arsenal season winds down

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A couple of hometown boys will take to the soccer field this weekend in the Detroit Arsenal's final two games of the season.

Kevin Savitskie, a midfielder from Plymouth, and Rodrigo Gonzalez, a forward from Westland, will hit the grass as the Arsenal attempt to clinch the Midwestern Division title in the National Premier Soccer League

(NPSL). Gonzalez is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina and has been a trainer for the Canton Soccer Club for the past 8 years. He is also a former player from the Detroit Rockers soccer franchise. Savitskie is attending the University of Michigan.

The Arsenal will face off against the Milwaukee Bavarians at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm High School. They will then wrap up the season against the Princeton

56ers at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Hurley Field in Berkley. A set of wins this weekend will guarantee the team the divisional title and earn them a trip to California next month to play in the NPSL National Championship.

The Team recently returned home from a two-game road trip in Minnesota where they tied the Blast, 1-1, and beat the St. Paul Twin Stars 5-0.

For ticket info, visit their web site at www.detroitarsenal.com.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 27, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m, by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak.

Excused: LeRoy Burcroff, William Wadsworth.

Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-231

2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 13, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-232

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with the request of the petitioner and grant a no-fee permit to the Mount Olive Baptist Church to block off Beverly Road from Wayne Road to Washington Street for their carnival to be held July 7, through July 10, 2005

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-233

3B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to grant a no-fee permit to James Spear to block off a portion of Orchard Street from 15937 Orchard to 15895 Orchard Street for a neighborhood Block Party to be held July 4, 2005, 2:OOPM -12:OOAM; with concurrence by the Police and Fire Departments.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-234

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Elmer Copeland.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-235

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ralph Rick Covert.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-236

4C. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Louie Butz.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairman’s report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-237

5A. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to concur with Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and grant authorization for the Police Department to auction forfeited vehicles through ProTech Auctions, Inc. located in Belleville and to further grant authorization to auction forfeited jewelry by bulk to dealers by invitation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-238

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the request from Human Resource Director, Sandra Rivers and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Corporate Cost Solutions, Inc. to audit the City Workman’s Compensation, payroll and personnel records to determine if refunds are due from Meadowbrook.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-239

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of Deborah Hoffman, Finance Director and authorize the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) to increase the City of Romulus employee contribution percentage from 2.5% to 4% for the POAM Division 2 and Administrative Division 21, effective July 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-240

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to authorize replacement of a reportedly lost 1993 Building Authority Bond registered to Rodger P. Roberts. Entire resolution on file in the Clerks Office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-241

5E. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to authorize payment to SEMCOG for the City’s 2005 annual membership dues in the amount of \$3,020.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-242

5F1. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to concur with Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and extend Bid 03/04-22 Power Supplier with Strategic Energy for the period of July 2005 thru January of 2006 for the following buildings:

Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road)
Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive Street)
Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road)
City Hall, Library and 30th District Court (Master Metered at 11111 Wayne Road)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-243

5F2. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and grant authorization to contract with Detroit Edison at the term of the Strategic contract, for interruptible electricity rates for the buildings as listed above.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-244

5G. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-29:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Major Streets				
Expenditures				
Routine Maintenance				
202-4210-742.70-20	Salaries & Wages	108,994	11,387	120,381
202-4210-742.71-10	Overtime	8,400	400	8,800
202-4210-742.72-10	Social Security	7,913	1,086	8,999
202-4210-742.72-20	Medicare	1,851	252	2,103
202-4210-742.72-30	Retirement	8,948	1,559	10,507
202-4210-742.72-40	Health Insurance	28,722	4,264	32,986
202-4210-742.72-50	Dental Insurance	2,560	240	2,800
202-4210-742.72-60	Life Insurance	213	3	216
202-4210-742.72-70	Long-Term Disability	823	144	967

FUND BALANCE	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
Major Streets	1,689,462	19,335	1,670,127

Local Streets				
Expenditures				
Routine Maintenance				
203-4310-742.70-20	Salaries & Wages	177,732	15,686	193,418
203-4310-742.71-10	Overtime	9,000	5,158	14,158
203-4310-742.72-10	Social Security	12,623	1,826	14,449
203-4310-742.72-20	Medicare	2,952	413	3,365
203-4310-742.72-30	Retirement	15,107	1,806	16,913
203-4310-742.72-40	Health Insurance	48,494	4,595	53,089
203-4310-742.72-50	Dental Insurance	4,322	486	4,808
203-4310-742.72-70	Long-Term Disability	1,389	171	1,560

FUND BALANCE	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
Local Streets	498,413	30,141	468,272

To appropriate funds for the Teamster and AFSCME Contract Settlements and any increases in insurance costs for FY:04/05.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-245

5H. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-31:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
General Fund				
Expenditures				
101-1210-712.72-40	Health Insurance-Mayor	29,885	1,870	31,755
101-2310-723.72-40	Health Insurance-Finance	73,561	1,256	74,817
	Health Insurance-Emer			
101-3510-735.72-40	Mgmt	8,798	205	9,003
101-4110.741.72-40	Health Insurance-DPW	58,257	3,539	61,796
	Health Insurance-Building & Grds	188,691	850	189,541
101-4140-741.72-40	Health Insurance-Cemetery	14,022	1,382	15,404
101-5110-751.72-40	Health Insurance-Recreation	49,026	452	49,478
101-5110-751.70-24	Part-Time Wages			
	Recreation	136,709	121,700	15,009
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,572,591	-24,563	1,548,028

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Water & Sewer Fund				
Expenditures				

Royal Hanneford Circus returns at end of July

Scott Spielman
Editor

Members of the Wayne-Ford Civic League are hoping for a good turnout when they host the Royal Hanneford Circus at the end of the month.

The league will host the circus from July 27-31 on Wayne Road, just south of Ford Road. Circus performers will arrive the day before and the elephant will help set up the big top tent.

“It’s essentially the same circus that Westland did last year,” said Vic Barra, presi-

dent of the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

The circus group approached the civic league as a location for the circus because there is more than 17 acres of land behind the hall. Perfect for the many attractions, the land also provides plenty of on-site parking and provides for crowds of greater than 800 people.

“They were here in the past, and they really liked the venue,” Barra said.

The hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 27-31. It will include all of the aspects of a traditional circus – even animal acts.

“It’s a full-blown real circus with all the animals,” he said. “I had heard from a lot of people that kids are disappointed if there are no animals to see.”

In addition to elephant and tiger acts, children will be able to take elephant and pony rides, according to Barra. There will be other live entertainment going on, too, as well as inflatable bouncers for the children, games and other children’s rides. The hall will be open with dinner specials and they will sell alcohol, too, until the circus closes at 10 p.m. every night.

Barra said that, thus far, ticket sales have

been slow, a common theme across metro Detroit.

“The economy is down,” he said. “People are not parting with their nickels.”

He said he’s distributed discount tickets at several retailers throughout town. Tickets can also be purchased through the civic league web site, www.wayneford.org. Orders can also be processed on the phone, by calling (734) 728-5010.

Ultimately, the proceeds from the circus will go to help the league and different charitable events and organizations in the community, according to Barra.

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592-4510-745.72-40	Health Insurance-Water	100,120	5,905	106,025
592-4510-745.72-50	Dental Insurance-Water	9,660	647	10,307
592-4520-745.72-40	Health Insurance-Sewer	100,120	5,905	106,025
592-4520-745.72-50	Dental Insurance-Sewer	9,660	647	10,307

Retained Earnings	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
592-0000-395.00-00	6,578,647	-13,104	6,578,543

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<i>Federal Law Enforcement Expenditures</i>				
267-3710-737.70-20	Salaries & Wages	51,454	9,770	61,224
267-3710-737.70-27	Comp Absences	2,500	811	3,311
267-3710-737.72-10	Social Security	4,275	750	5,025
267-3710-737.72-20	Medicare	1,000	165	1,165
267-3710-737.72-30	Retirement	6,439	520	6,959
267-3710-737.72-40	Health Insurance	13,947	525	14,472
267-3710-737.72-70	Long/Short Term Disability	1,045	15	1,060
267-3710-737.72-80	Worker's Comp	2,814	464	3,278
267-3710-737.73-05	Operating Supplies	5,000	-5,000	0

Fund Balance		<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
267-0000-360.00-00	Fund Balance	84,536	-8,020	76,516

To appropriate funds to cover increased health premiums and salaries to cover budget deficits

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-246

51. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-32:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<i>General Fund</i>				
<i>Expenditures</i>				
101-1410-714.74-27	Bank Services Fees	1,500	19,500	21,000
		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,548,028	-19,500	1,528,528

To appropriate funds due to increased bank service fees based on volume cash and direct deposit activities.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-247

5J. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve permit fee schedule for the City of Romulus Department of Building & Safety, which represents a 4% increase to cover increased operating costs, effective July 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-248

5K. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-30:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<i>General Fund</i>				
<i>Expenditures</i>				
101-0000-999.92-26	Transfer-Out Sanitation	0	70,000	70,000
Fund Balance		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,642,591	-70,000	1,572,59

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<i>Sanitation Fund</i>				
<i>Revenues</i>				
226-0000-699.91-10	Transfer-In/Gen.Fund	0	70,000	70,000
Fund Balance		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
226-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	102,015	70,000	172,015

To appropriate a short term loan from the General Fund to the Sanitation Fund to maintain the curbside recycling program thru 6/30/105.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-249

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final of adoption of Budget Amendment 04/05-28, introduced at the Council Meeting held June 13, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla; Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-250

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 04/05-27, introduced at the Council Meeting held June 13, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-251

6A3. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve second reading and final adoption of PC-2005-015, Material Modification Amendment #3 to Metro World Planned Development Agreement, introduced at the Council Meeting held June 13, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-252

6A4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to schedule a public hearing for July 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m for the purpose of hearing objections to the proposed assessment roll for the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion carried Unanimously.

05-253

6A5. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to deny offer to purchase the following excess City Owned Property:

- 80-020-02-0015-000 -Mohammed Ti Prodhhan...\$3,201.00
- 80-020-02-0017-000 - Mohammed Ti Prodhhan...\$5,601.00
- 80-020-03-0014-000 - Mohammed Ti Prodhhan... \$4,001.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-254

6A6. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to schedule a study session Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the establishment of an escrow system for the Planning Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-255

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller authorizing the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-12 in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Sixty Five Cents (\$553,985.65).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova
Motion Carried

12. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 27 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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1. Obituaries

KOEHLER, Tona L. Sumpter Twp., MI Age 63, died Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born March 19, 1942 in Cincinnati, OH. On March 25 1963 in Cincinnati, OH she was married to Jack L. Koehler who preceded her in death. Tona owned and operated Atlantic Welding. Survivors include her children: Leslie Taylor, Jack Koehler, Tracie Koehler, Hollie Federighe, Jeff (Barb) Koehler and Nelson Koehler, and nine grandchildren. As an avid animal lover she is also survived by 12 grand pets. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at the Belleville Light House Church, 51185 Willis Rd. with Rev. Keith Jackson and Rev. Jim Lockhart officiating. The family asks that memorial contributions in her name be made to Hospice of Michigan, 2090 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements completed by the Nie Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 2400 Carpenter Rd.

9. Lost & Found

Found cat, off white with orange markings, young male
Found near Michigan Avenue. and Merriman
Call 734-397-8187 for more info.

30. Help Wanted

DISPATCHER
For local towing company. Full and part time positions available. Qualified individuals must possess good verbal, written and computer skills. Competitive salary based on prior experience. Send or fax resumes to: J&T Towing, Inc. 287 Industrial Park Dr. Belleville, MI 48111 (734)699-0584 phone (734)697-8137 fax

Serene Surroundings, a growing property beautification company, is seeking applicants for the following positions: Telephone representatives Salespeople Window cleaners Lawn crew members.

Full & Part-time positions available. Year round employment possible
Call 734-416-9062

The Inkster Housing Commission is seeking qualified applicants in the following position:

Housing Quality Standards Inspector

Inspector requires 3-5 years experience in public housing & Section 8

Program Inspections. Must have received HQS Training & Certification within the last 3 years from a certified training program sanctioned by the HUD and/or MSHDA. Salary range based upon Inspector experience.

Resume may be mailed to:

Inkster Housing Commission
4500 Inkster Rd.
Inkster, MI 48141
by July 15, 2005
EOE

31. Sales Help Wanted

WANTED
Used Car Salesperson
Large local Dodge dealer looking for experienced, self-motivated person. Benefits include Medical, Dental, Demo, 401K and Competitive Pay plan
Call Doug McKiddie at: 734-451-2110

59. Auctions

Notice of Public Sale.
On Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 11:00 AM
U-Store-It
28266 Ecorse Road
Romulus, MI 48174
with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder, by CASH, all rights, title and interest to the following property of:

D4-Doris Oliphant: furniture, appliances, misc.
B17-Rimmon Dwight O'Neil, Sr: furniture, vacuum cleaner, misc.
C14-Christopher Simmons: show cases, boxes, bags, clothing
C33-David Carter: sofa, crates
D69-Lequana Robinson: bags, furniture, misc.
P7-Wardell Johnson III: 1977 Oldsmobile

PUBLIC AUCTION
FORT KNOX STORAGE
Sun., July 24, 10:00am
39205 Ford Rd., Westland
www.fortknoxmi.com
(734) 981-0700

6. Legal Notice

Nextel Communications is considering the collocation of antennae and the placement of associated equipment upon and alongside an existing 7-story building located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Cherry Hill Road and Middlebelt Road in Inkster, Michigan. Anyone with concerns about substantial affects of this site on historic properties is invited to submit comments in writing to the following address:

G2 Consulting Group, LLC,
1866 Woodslee Street,
Troy, Michigan 48083.
Attn: Kim Bouchard.

#214 Ken McLaughlin-antique furniture, air conditioners
#278 Chad Bihun-misc. household items
#234 Timothy J. Engler-scaffold, pallets, misc. items
#231 Crystal A. Pope-tires, furniture, air conditioner
#350 Sheila Filek-refrigerator, dishwasher, boxed misc. items
#489 Cap Services Inc.-roofing materials, ladders, roof jacks
#490 Roland Quinn-desk, dolly, household items, locker
#501 Douglas L. Harris-chairs, ladder, furniture, misc. items
#447 Elizabeth Roberson-aquarium, 1989 Riva Moped, bikes, speakers, furniture
#253 Ian M. Hudson-television, couch,
1998 Triumph motorcycle

On July 23, 2005, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1992 Mercury 2 Dr
1MEPM6045NH631505
44-368-05
1995 Geo 2 Dr
2C1MR2260S6770436
44-401-05
1994 Dodge ST
2B4GH453XRR670608
44-393-05
1990 Dodge ST
2B7JB31Y6LK767584
44-493-05
1992 Plymouth ST
2P4GH4539NR663240
44-496-05
1987 Jeep ST
1JCML7848HT013421
44-322-05
1992 Chevrolet 2Dr
2G1WN14T8N9274171
44-514-05
1986 Chevrolet PU
1GCC14H2GF381562
44-516-05
1986 GMC PU
1GTDT14R3G2505357
44-521-05

Upon completion, the auction will move to Van Buren Township Animal Shelter, located at: 39600 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following decommissioned township owned vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2002 Ford Crown Vic 4Dr
2FAPP71W72X132703
2000 Ford Crown Vic 4Dr
2FAPP71W3YX103515
1994 Ford Crown Vic 4Dr
2FAPP71W2RX141645
1996 Ford Crown Vic 4Dr
2FAPP71W0TX148553
1997 Ford Crown Vic 4Dr
2FAPP71W0VX146594
1992 GMC 3500 PU
2GTHK39NXN1557281
1986 GMC 7000 Dump
1GDL7D1B8GV537496
1982 Chevy Box Van
1GBHP32TXC3324703
1986 Ford Econoline Van
1FDEE14N8JHB71726
1990 Jaguar 4Dr
SAJMY1746LC613110

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered

6. Legal Notice

Discovery Arts & Technology Academy
27355 Woodsfield
Inkster, MI 48141

Application Period for Open Enrollment Discovery Arts & Technology Academy is a tuition-free public school academy. Applications for open enrollment for the 2005-06 school year are being accepted July 18-August 1, 2005. If applications exceed enrollment spaces, a lottery will be held at:

Discovery Arts & Technology Academy
on 8/2/05 at 7:00 p.m.

Applications must be received by the end of the day on 8/1/05 to be eligible for the drawing.

This charter school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or sex in administering its affairs, including admission, hiring and operations.

For questions call (313) 827-0762

for sale to the highest bidder:

1994 Plymouth ST
2P4GH253XRR608063
44-274-05
1993 Volkswagan 4Dr
9BWGA230XPP007855
44-361-05
1986 BMW 4Dr
WBAAE6400G0992814
44-371-05
1996 Chrysler 2Dr
4C3AU52N2TE360072
44-406-05
993 Ford 4Dr
1FALP54P6PA141405
44-412-05
1990 Chrysler 4Dr
1C3XY56R3LD789370
44-414-05
1989 Ford 4Dr
2FABP73F5KX183919
44-425-05
1992 Dodge PU
1B7FL26X8NS666469
44-505-05
1997 Ford 4Dr
1FALP52U3VG126671
44-530-05
1991 Ford 2Dr
1ZVPT22L95M5127747
44-531-05
1990 Cadillac 4Dr
1G6DW54Y4LR703262
44-533-05
1999 Ford ST
1FMZU35PXX2B72346
44-559-05
1991 Dodge 2Dr
1B3XG44K6MG122177
44-571-05
1986 Chevrolet ST
1G1FPB7H3GN119117
44-572-05
1994 Plymouth ST
2P4GH2532RR722297
44-575-05
1974 Pace MH
K044463S2654
44-577-05
1986 Ford PU
2FTEF14N0GCA49184
44-579-05
1993 Ford PU
1FTCR14X0PPA22730
44-582-05

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is given that on September 17, 2005 the vehicles listed below will be offered for sale at auction:

1988 Ford 2Dr
KNJBT06K6J6157018
44-352-05
1980 Chevrolet PU
CGM35A0101965
44-403-05

1984 Ford TK
1FDNF70H2EVA28911
44-341-05

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On JULY 19, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1983 Ford F-250
PU Trk Beige
2FTHF26G8FCA38577
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Conv. Blue
1C3XU453XNF272822
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4 Dr Gold
1G3AG55M4R6411873
1994 Ford Escort
4 Dr Red
1FARP14J8RW220661
1993 Plymouth Duster
2 Dr Green
1P3XP64K1PN513702

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2 Dr Red
1G2JC14T9P7570686
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1B3XC4633PD208148

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1B3AP6434RN101468
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1G1JF11W1J7226335

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